

Stephanie Kost

From: Trey Rust [treyrust1@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2003 9:47 AM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: The Government Wants to Change the Way it Collects Funds for the Universal Service Fund

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From: Therese Vaughn [piguana123@mail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2003 1:25 AM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Note Regarding USF

Therese Vaughn
9213 Long Branch Pkwy
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From: Robert OConnor [tracfone2@rocnet.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 02, 2003 7:13 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: USF Changes Concern Me

Robert OConnor
09411412951
8 Great Oak Lane
South China, ME 04358-5330

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From: Ray Urbanz [rurbanz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 7:50 AM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Minorities Opposed to Change in USF Collection

Ray Urbanz
10015 Bayreuth Dr, SE
Huntsville, AL 35803-1163

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From: pat engel [pengel@idi.net]
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2003 11:32 AM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Keep The USF Fair

pat engel
4901 henry hudson pkwy
bronx, NY 10471-3217

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Nestor Miranda
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Thank you for helping us in this very important issue. We will communicate your concern to your elected official and various members of the Federal Communications Commission.

To learn more about TracFone Wireless, the largest independent prepaid wireless service provider in the U.S., feel free to visit us at <http://www.tracfone.com>.

Thank you again for your support.

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Marion Edridge
09411385843

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Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2003 10:07 AM
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Subject: Universal Service Fee Complaint

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<DATE>11/11/03
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<ADDRESS1>20 COLERIDGE ROAD
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<CITY>HOLBROOK
<STATE>NY
<ZIP>11741
<LAW-FIRM>n/a
<ATTORNEY>n/a
<FILE-NUMBER>n/a
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<PHONE-NUMBER>631-585-2114
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445 12th Street, SW
Room 8B201
Washington, D.C. 20554
(202) 418-1000 phone
Chairman Michael K. Powell
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Commissioner Kevin J. Martin

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Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

JOANNE S. CIRCO
20 COLERIDGE ROAD

CC: FCC Subcommittee Members

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Nordheimer

Stephanie Kost

From: Golden, Michael [mgolden@state.pa.us]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2003 10:30 AM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company

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November 20, 2003

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company
Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the public schools and libraries in our Commonwealth, I am writing to express our support for the nomination of Alaska State E-rate Coordinator, Della Matthis, to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

You may be wondering why would the Pennsylvania Department of Education be supporting the nomination of an individual from another state?

We have closely observed the original nominations and appointments to the (then) Schools and Libraries Corporation (SLC) board, and all appointments since 1997. The individuals that have been appointed to the board representing schools have been leaders of national organizations, not persons with education, school, or first-hand E-rate experience. And while we understand that such representation was crucial in the beginning of the program, we now believe the board should be have representation from actual E-rate practitioners.

The USAC and SLD boards would benefit greatly from an individual that has served at the state department of education level, as well as someone who is in daily contact with school and library applicants, and state E-rate coordinators from 39 other states.

Ms. Matthis is an active leader in the State E-rate Coordinators' Alliance, participating in weekly conference calls with 39 other states, the Federal Communications Commission staff, and Schools and Libraries Division Staff. Her efforts have been to not only act as an advocate for the schools and libraries of Alaska, but also as an advocate for the program itself.

It is because we believe she will bring this much-needed school applicant perspective that we strongly support her nomination. We know she will be a highly respected representative for both the universal service programs and the schools in all states and territories.

Sincerely,

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Stephanie Kost

From: Earl Hoisington [hoisingtonee@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2003 11:56 AM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Note Regarding USF

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SEP 29 2003

Earl Hoisington
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Federal Communications Commission
Secretary

September 26, 2003

Federal Communications Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, 20554

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Earl Hoisington

Stephanie Kost

From: Corey Gordon [cwlg@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2003 1:19 AM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: Opposed to Change in USF Collection

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Federal Communications Commission
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Corey Gordon
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October 25, 2003

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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, 20554

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Thank you.

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Corey W. L. Gordon

Stephanie Kost

From: Cleo Manuel [cleo@idi.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2003 10:28 AM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: The Government Wants to Change the Way it Collects Funds for the Universal Service Fund

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From: bill carpenter [billcarpenter583@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2003 11:26 AM
To: KAQuinn
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